

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A ~~hook lift hoist container variability system~~ as defined in claim 11, wherein said switch is mounted on either side of said chassis of said hoist, and wherein said ~~actuator tab~~ is mounted on the same side of the longsill of said container as said switch.
3. (Canceled)
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8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) A container variability system for use with a hook lift hoist mounted on a wheeled chassis for transporting and dumping containers of diverse lengths, comprising:
  - (a) a telescoping hook lift arm comprising a jib segment mounted for pivotal movement on the forward end portion of an inner, support segment;
  - (b) means mounting the support segment for pivotal movement about the rear end

portion of the chassis;

- (c) body locks mounted on the chassis to engage and secure a container moved into the locks by the hook lift arm;
- (d) a switch mounted on the chassis and moveable between an enabling position for enabling telescoping movement of the hook lift arm and a disabling position for disabling telescoping movement of the hook lift arm, said switch biased to the enabling position; and
- (e) an actuator tab mounted on the side of the container longsill for moving the switch from the enabling to the disabling position ~~upon engagement of the container by the body locks wherein the position of the actuator on the container is adjusted, wherein the tab is positioned on the container based on adjustment of the actuator position is determined by the container length, such that when the tab moves the switch to the disabling position, the rear end of the container extends past the rear end portion of the chassis to enable the container to be dumped upon disabling of the telescoping movement of the hook lift arm.~~

12. (Currently amended) The ~~hook lift hoist~~ container variability system of claim 11, wherein the adjustment position of the actuator tab on the container allows containers shorter than a minimum specified length to be transported and its payload dumped effectively without damaging the rear of the hoist.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~hook lift hoist~~ container variability system of claim 11, wherein the adjustment position of the actuator tab on the container allows containers longer than or equal to a minimum specified length to be transported and its payload dumped effectively without damaging the rear of the hoist.